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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the DDO

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Executive Assistant to the DDA

SUBJECT: Availability of STU-III Secure Telephones

Geoff,

1. The Agency's allotment of STU-III point-to-point secure telephones will arrive in January 1988 or earlier. The cost per unit is expected to be around \$3,000. The STU-III has both data and voice transmission capabilities, is much more portable and reliable than the current STU-II system, and will be interfaced with the central Agency secure voice system in late 1988.

2. As I understand it, the TVSS secure voice system you are currently considering will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000 each. When you compare the cost of, for example, ten TVSS units for \$500,000 to ten STU-IIIs for \$30,000, you might find it worthwhile to wait for the STU-IIIs. I would be happy to put you in contact with the appropriate people in the Office of Information Technology if you want detailed information about STU-IIIs.

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